



Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me



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School Attendance Matters (SAM) Newsletter

Autumn 2 - December 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

The winter solstice which marks the shortest day of the year, the 21st December, will soon be upon us. Please continue to take care crossing the roads and if possible, wear reflective strips so you can be seen walking safely to and from school. Also, well done to all our pupils currently achieving 100% attendance. **Mrs Rawcliffe—Attendance Lead**



Attendance - Autumn Term to date

Hot off the press, almost a third of pupils in school are set to achieve **100% attendance this term which is a total of 153 pupils**. This is great news! Don't forget, there's a treat for your child at the end of the term if they stay healthy and succeed. For those pupils that just miss out, please try again in the Spring Term.



Leave in Term time

There are many meetings taking place between school and parents regarding leave in term time. If you are considering taking leave, please:

- 1) Collect and complete a Request for the Leave of Absence Form.
- 2) Book an appointment to see Mrs Rawcliffe and a member of SLT.
- 3) Cancel plans or book flights after the meeting.

At least 28 pupils' parents have been fined since September. Also, there's a small number of parents that will be prosecuted for unpaid fines or for unauthorised Excessive Leave (that is leave of 15 days or more). Don't forget, if you have taken unauthorised leave in the last 2 years, you may not be given a reduction if you pay with 21 days. You may also go to Court even for leave of 5-14 days.

Please check before you fly !

Attendance - Autumn Term to date

In total, **354 pupils have been on time for school this term** meaning that a 120 pupil or a quarter of pupils have been reporting to school late. Being on time creates good habits for the future and it gives your child the chance to get organised. It also means that we avoid creating unnecessary worry about school. Please let's work together to support your child's future life chances.



Visit your Pharmacy First

Most Pharmacies can help you with seven common conditions without needing a GP appointment.

- **Earache**—children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years.
- **Impetigo**— 1 year and above.
- **Infected Insect bites** - 1 years and over.
- **Shingles** - 18 years and over.
- **Sinusitis**— 12 years and over.
- **Sore Throat**—5 years and over.
- **Urinary Tract Infections**—women aged 16-64 years.

If you need medical advice, please first consult your Pharmacy and then your GP, 111, or Urgent Care as a last resort.

Appointments

Appointments in school time are at a all time high. So far this year, 74 pupils have left school to attend 97 appointments. Please avoid booking routine and non-urgent appointments in school time. Please plan ahead and consider booking them through the school holidays or after school.



School Nurse

The School Nurse is visiting school **Friday 12th December 9-10am**. You can call the School Office and book a 10 minute slot or just turn up.



She will be able to help with general health concerns you may have for your children but she cannot replace your GP and make a diagnosis.

Benefit related Free School Meals

To apply and help access extra funding for your child in school, visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals>

Find a Dentist in Burnley

To find a NHS dentist for regular out of school check-ups for you and your child, please visit www.nhs.uk/service/find-a-dentist

Barden School Holidays 2025-2026 — School is closed on blue and green days.

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